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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
LUC VARIN, ET AL.)
Application No.: 10/019,931)
Filed: July 6, 2000)
For: METHODS, COMPOSITIONS)
AND GENETIC SEQUENCES :
FOR MODULATING FLOWERING)
IN PLANTS, AND PLANTS :
GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO) May 10, 2002
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Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: APPLICATION BRANCH, SPECIAL HANDLING UNIT

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

In response to the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US), mailed March 12, 2002, enclosed please find an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney; an Associate Power of Attorney; and a verified statement claiming small entity status. Additionally, a disk copy of the

Sequence Listing, along with a Statement in Support of Sequence Rule Submissions, are being filed herewith.

Please also find a copy of the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for any fees believed due in connection with this filing. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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